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A.—(a) One—the Leper Settlement of Tirumani.

(b) The average strength of the Settlement during 1927 was 426. The average cost to the Government of each leper was Rs. 19-8-6 during 1927.

(c) The Settlement is a Government institution, but the management is in the hands of the United Free Church of Scotland Mission.

(d) & (e) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the agreement, under which the management of the Settlement was transferred to the United Free Church of Scotland Mission. A copy of the agreement^a is placed on the table.

(f) One hundred and two inmates left the Settlement of their own accord in spite of every effort made to retain them. Forty-nine were re-admitted.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Panchayat Courts

Representation of Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras in village panchayat courts.

1654 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many village panchayat courts are organized in the Presidency;

(b) whether Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras are represented in each such court in proportion to their population in those villages; and

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to take any action in order to bring about such a representation?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to G.O. No. 3241, Law (General), dated the 15th October 1927, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) No.

Depressed Classes

Action taken on memorandum presented at the meeting of the Advisory Committee for Depressed Classes on 26th January 1928.

1655 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether any action has been taken on the memorandum presented by a member at the meeting of the Advisory Committee for the depressed classes on 26th January 1928?

A.—The Government do not know what memorandum is referred to.

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Education

Location of the Salem Municipal College.

1656 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPAH Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) the stage at which the question of the location of the proposed Salem Municipal College now stands;
- (b) why this matter is still pending; and
- (c) what arrangements the Government propose to make for the speedy disposal of the subject?

A.—(x), (b) & (c) The matter is under the consideration of Government and orders will be issued as early as possible.

Exemption to unpassed matriculates from attending school in order to appear for the Public Examination.

1657 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) whether persons who have failed in the Matriculation examination are required to join the VI Form of any high school to enable them to obtain a Secondary School-Leaving Certificate;
- (b) if so, whether that rule applies to those who have appeared and failed before the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate scheme was instituted;
- (c) whether exemptions are granted to persons who are so disqualified from joining the VI Form now to enable them to appear for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate examination;
- (d) whether there were any such applications for exemption, and if so, how they were disposed of;
- (e) whether one Mr. V. Narayana Rao, clerk, District Superintendent of Police Office, Arantapur, applied on 22nd May 1926, for exemption on the ground that he could not be promoted owing to his disqualification from Rs. 50 which he now draws as pay; and
- (f) whether it is true that he was directed to join the VI Form and was informed that no exemption could be granted?

A.—(a) & (b) Persons who failed in the Matriculation examination of 1909 or earlier years should have joined form VI in January 1910 and prosecuted their studies under the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate scheme to be eligible to appear for the public examination. Those who failed to do so as well as those who failed in the Matriculation examination in the years subsequent to 1909 should have undergone a full three years' course in Forms IV, V and VI in order to be eligible to appear for the public examination as pupil candidates. If they have so appeared once, they may then appear for the examination as private candidates.

(c) No.

(d) Yes. The candidates were refused admission for the examination as private candidates.

(e) Yes.

(f) Exemption was refused.

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The Council will now take up the general discussion of the Budget."